

active in the promotion of travel and tourism in the county. The Authority must be comprised of the following seven voting members and two nonvoting, ex officio members:

- (1) The Executive Director of the McDowell Chamber of Commerce, who shall serve as an ex officio, nonvoting ~~member;~~ member.
- (2) A county commissioner appointed by the McDowell County Board of Commissioners, who shall serve as an ex officio, nonvoting ~~member;~~ member.
- (3) Four owners or operators of hotels, motels, or other taxable accommodations, of whom shall be appointed by the McDowell County Board of Commissioners, and two of whom shall be appointed by the McDowell Chamber of Commerce. Two of these appointees shall own or operate hotels, motels, or other accommodations with more than 50 rental units, and two shall own or operate hotels, motels, or other accommodations with 50 or fewer rental ~~units;~~ units.
- (4) ~~Three individuals involved in tourist businesses who have demonstrated an interest in tourism development and do not own or operate hotels, motels, or other taxable accommodations, who are currently active in the promotion of travel and tourism in the county,~~ appointed as follows: two by the McDowell Chamber of Commerce and one by the McDowell County Board of Commissioners.

All members of the Authority shall serve without compensation. Vacancies in the Authority shall be filled by the appointing authority of the member creating the vacancy. Members appointed to fill vacancies shall serve for the remainder of the unexpired term which they are appointed to fill. ~~Except as provided in subsection (b) for initial members, members~~ Members shall serve three-year terms. ~~Members may serve no more than two consecutive terms.~~ The members shall elect a chairman from the membership of the Authority, who shall serve for a term of two years. The Authority shall meet at the call of the chairman and shall adopt rules of procedure to govern its meetings. The Finance Officer for McDowell County shall be the ex officio finance officer of the Authority.

~~(b) Terms of Initial Members. The following initial members shall serve terms for other than three years:~~

- ~~(1) The appointed county commissioner and the member appointed by the board of commissioners under subdivision (a)(4) of this section, who shall serve one year terms; and~~
- ~~(2) One of the members appointed under subdivision (a)(3) of this section by the Chamber, one of the members appointed under subdivision (a)(4) by the Chamber, and one of the members appointed under subdivision (a)(3) by the board of commissioners, as designated by the appointing body, who shall serve two year terms.~~

(c) Duties. — The Authority shall expend the net proceeds of the tax levied under this act for the purposes provided in this act. The Authority shall promote travel, tourism, and conventions in McDowell County. County, sponsor tourist-related events and activities in the county, and finance tourist-related capital projects in the county. In performing its duties, the Authority may contract with any person, firm, or agency to advise and assist it and may recommend to the board of county commissioners that county staff be employed for this advice and assistance. Any county staff employed